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(a) A person may hunt wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being sculled, only in:

(1) The nontidal waters of the Potomac River, Conococheague Creek, and the Monocacy River;

(2) The Susquehanna Flats, Elk River, and that portion of the Sassafras River in Cecil County located west of 75 degrees 58 minutes 45 seconds;

(3) Chincoteague Bay, Sinepuxent Bay, Isle of Wight, Assawoman Bay, and their respective tributaries in Worcester County;

(4) The waters of Tangier Sound, Fishing Bay, Monie Bay, Manokin River, Big Annemessex River, Pocomoke Sound, and Kedges Straits in the waters of Dorchester, Somerset, and Wicomico counties; or

(5) Zones prescribed by the Department by regulation.

(b) While hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being sculled, a person shall remain at least 250 yards from all offshore stationary blinds or blind sites or another person hunting wild waterfowl offshore.

(c) (1) A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being sculled shall be at least 800 yards from shore including shore emerging at mean low water except in the waters of the Potomac River, in the waters of the Susquehanna Flats, in the waters of Harford, Baltimore, and St. Mary's counties, in the waters of Tangier Sound, Fishing Bay, Monie Bay, Manokin River, Big Annemessex River, Pocomoke Sound, and Kedges Straits in the waters of Dorchester, Somerset, and Wicomico counties, in Conococheague Creek, and in the Monocacy River.

(2) A person hunting wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being sculled shall be at least 400 yards from shore, including shore emerging at mean low water, in the following areas:

(i) The waters of the Susquehanna Flats;

(ii) The tidal waters of the Potomac River that the Department by regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a)(5) of this section;

(iii) The waters of Harford, Baltimore, and St. Mary's counties that the Department by regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a)(5) of this section; and

(iv) The waters of Tangier Sound, Fishing Bay, Monie Bay, Manokin River, Big Annemessex River, Pocomoke Sound, and Kedges Straits in the waters of Dorchester, Somerset, and Wicomico counties that the Department by regulation prescribes for hunting under subsection (a)(5) of this section.

(d) A nonresident may not hunt wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being sculled unless accompanied by a Maryland resident.

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